Inventory No. QA-66

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Nam	e of Property	(indicate preferred r	name)			
historic	"Tilghman's C	hance," "Tristam's Adventur	e," "Tristam	ı's Ridge Coı	rected" etc.	
other	Thomas Farm,	C. P. Merrick Farm (modern)			
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street and	number Merrick's Corr	ners				not for publication
city, town	Ingleside				2	<u> </u>
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3. Own	er of Property	(give names and mailing	addresses	of all owners)		
name	C. Percival Me	rrick, Jr.				
street and	number		····		telephone	
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7. Description

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The C. P. Merrick Farm is located on the east side of Maryland Route 313 just south of Merrick Corner Road, approximately 1 ½ miles north of Ingleside. The house sits on high ground surrounded by open cornfields. There are two small outbuildings to the south of the house and a number of farm buildings to the east.

The main house on the Merrick Farm is a large brick dwelling with an original brick wing, constructed in 1805. The house is 2 ½ stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of the steeply pitched gable roof. The wing projects from the east gable wall of the house. It was 1 ½ stories high, three bays wide, and extends the full depth of the main house, with a single flush chimney centered in the east gable wall. This wing was later raised to two full stories by the addition of a frame second story.

The front façade of the main house faces north, toward Merrick Corner Road. The door is located in the center bay, flanked by two 9/9 windows on each side. There are five 9/6 windows on the second floor and five cellar windows set with horizontal iron bars. The handsome six-panel door is framed with a diamond-lattice transom paneled soffit and jambs, and a paneled, pilastered door surround supporting a fine, ogee hood mold. The first and second floor window frames are set back in the masonry walls and are framed with paneled architraves employing two variations of an ogee/astragal set in opposition to one another.

The brickwork is laid in Flemish Bond above a three-course bond foundation, with no water table or belt course. At one time the façade was painted red, and may have had stenciled joints, as at Ripley (QA-55, also built in 1805). The majority of the window openings are finished with king closers, although two jambs feature queen closers on the edge of the opening rather than being set back one-half brick. The flat lintels consist of a single rowlock course; the sills are wood. The eaves are trimmed with a box cornice with a large complex crown mold and handsome complex bed mold with a Wall-of-Troy dentil course. The roof is now covered with asphault shingles.

A one-story Victorian porch with turned posts, scalloped brackets, a turned spindle frieze, and turned balusters stretches across the entire front façade of the main house. Scars in the brickwork on either side of the door remain from an original, one story, one bay entrance porch with slanted rails, also similar to the porch evidence at Ripley.

The west gable wall of the main house is also laid in Flemish Bond above a three-course bond foundation. There are two 9/9 windows flanking the chimney on the first floor, two 9/6 windows on the second floor, and a pair of four-light windows in the upper gables. The first and second floor windows are trimmed the same as on the front facade; the third story windows have beaded and pegged frames. The eaves are finished with beaded and tapered rakeboards with an applied band of ogee/astragal molding.

The rear façade is similar to the front façade, with a central door flanked by two 9/9 windows on each side of the first floor. On the second floor, a 6/6 window is down-set in the center bay, flanked by two 9/6 windows on each side. There are five cellar windows with horizontal iron bars. The brickwork is Flemish Bond above a three-course bond foundation. Filled put-log holes are clearly visible on this façade, as well as the west and north walls. The eaves are boxed in with a large complex crown mold and bed mold. The center door is relatively low in height due to the interior stair landing. The six-panel door is set off by paneled soffit and jambs and a crossetted architrave. Filled holes in the brick walls to left and right of the door are evidence of an original entrance porch, now replaced by a simple one-story lean-to that protects the center bay. A brick to the right of the door is inscribed "1805."

The majority of the east gable of the main house is covered by the wing. A pair of small windows in the upper gable was partially blocked when the wing was raised to two stories.

The north or front façade of the wing is flush with the façade of the main house, with no seam in the brickwork between the two buildings. An original door offset to left of center has been blocked and converted to a 6/6 window. There is one 9/6 window to the left of the door and one 6/6 to the right, at a slightly higher level, reflecting the different floor levels inside. The windows have heavy pegged wood frames with applied ogee/astragal backbands. The brickwork is entirely three-course bond. The later second story is constructed of frame with asbestos shingle siding. There are 6/6 windows in the east and west bays.

There are no openings in the east gable wall of the original wing. A pair of 6/6 windows flank the flush center chimney on the later, second story of the wing. The brickwork is laid entirely in three-course bond.

The rear façade of the wing is flush with the south wall of the main house. There is a door in the east bay and a 6/6 window in the west bay. Two 6/6 windows are similarly positioned in the later second story. The brickwork is three-course bond.

The interior of the main house consists of a center stair hall with a single room on each side. The hall is wider than usual, very much like the Paul Ward Farm (QA-94), an early 19th century house near Ruthsburg. The stair rises against the east wall of the hall to a landing at the south end, turns 90 degrees and rises two steps to a second landing, then turns 90 degrees again and continues to the

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second floor. It is an open-string stair on the first floor, with turned newels, square balusters and a simple molded and ramped rail. The molded carriage piece is embellished with scrolled stair brackets. A four-panel door under the landing opened onto an interior cellar stair that only partially remains. The original broken-field Federal architrave trim survives intact, but the trim and the stair are painted and grained, presumably a Victorian alteration.

The west room is dominated by a fireplace centered on the west gable wall. The mantel is a large Federal surround with chip carved, paneled pilasters and sideblocks; a reeded center block and a molded shelf with bands of vertical reeding and drillwork. The window jambs are splayed but not paneled. Other original trim includes the molded baseboard, a two-piece chairrail, and a broken field architrave trim with ogee/astragal backband moldings. A six-panel door with an early box lock opens in to the hall.

In the east room, the fireplace is centered on the east gable wall, with a four-door cupboard built in to the left and a door to the right leading to the wing. The mantel is a board surround with paneled pilasters, diamond-carved sideblocks and a plain frieze below a complex Federal shelf. The cupboard has two-panel doors above the chairrail and single-panel doors below. It is framed with a pilastered architrave, paneled below the rail. The baseboard, chairrail, architrave trim and splayed window jambs in this room are similar to the west room.

The door to the right of the fireplace in the east room opens onto two steps leading down into the west room of the wing. This room is heated by a fireplace on the west wall, sharing the east chimney of the main house. There is an enclosed winder stair to the right of the fireplace and a shallow closet to the left, between the fireplace and the door to the main house. The mantel on this fireplace is a board surround with a crossetted backband framing the opening and a cushion frieze with a plain center block below a molded Federal shelf. To the left, a four-panel door opens onto a shallow closet with shelves. To the right, the stair rises four steps against the north wall to a four-panel door then winds up to the second floor. A second four-panel door opens into a small closet under the stair. The windows have shallow splayed jambs and broken-field architraves with an ogee backband. The original two-piece chairrail survives intact, the baseboard is modern.

A door at the south end of the east wall of this room opens into the kitchen, which is two steps lower. This room has been altered somewhat, and is relatively plain. A large chimney is centered on the east gable wall, with an enclosed stair to the right. The fireplace opening has been blocked, and any mantel has been removed.

The center passage plan is repeated on the second floor of the main house, with the usual small unheated chamber at the front of the hall. The stair continues up to the third floor, but with a closed-string carriage. The turned newel, square balusters, and simple rail are consistent with the first floor stair. The stairs, trim, and beaded board partition of the small hall chamber are all painted and grained to match the woodwork in the first floor hall.

The fireplace in the west room is offset to right of center on the west gable wall. The mantel is a board surround with paneled pilasters and sideblocks, a plain frieze and a complex shelf. The windows have plain, splayed jambs and are trimmed with broken-field architraves with ovolo-astragal backbands. A two-piece chairrail with a broken-field fascia encircles the room; the baseboard is molded. A closet has been added in the northeast corner of this room.

The fireplace in the east room is centered on the east gable wall, with a closet to the left and a door to the right opening into the wing. The mantel is similar to the west mantel but with a crossetted backband rather than pilasters framing the opening. Both the closet door and the door to the wing are fully fielded six-panel doors. The windows have splayed jambs and broken-field architraves; a two-piece chairrail and molded baseboard encircle the room.

The second floor of the wing is divided into two small rooms above the kitchen and a larger room to the west. It seems probable that there were only two rooms before the roof was raised, duplicating the first floor plan. Enclosed winder stairs rise to the southeast corner of the southeast room and to the northwest corner of the west room.

The third story of the main house is unfinished except for the floor. The roof is constructed of hewn and pit sawn common rafters joined at the ridge with a pegged half-lap joint. Collars are half-dovetailed to each rafter pair and secured with double-struck machine nails. The stair opening is enclosed with an original partition of vertical beaded boards nailed with double-struck nails. The beaded batten attic door is constructed in a similar fashion and is hung on wrought H-L hinges secured with wrought nails, with the door hinge leaves covered by the horizontal battens. The east wall of the stair partition has been extended in the 20^{th} century to form a separate attic room to the east.

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Dairy

To the south of the brick wing is a small brick dairy. This building is nine feet square with a pyramidal roof. The brickwork is laid in seven-course bond with a three-course corbeled cornice. There is a beaded batten door in the center of the north wall and louvered window openings in the remaining three walls. The interior is plastered.

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constructed by the same builder(s).

Individual details of interest include the handsome door surround and cornice of the front façade, the unusual exterior window architraves, and the put-log holes on the south façade. Also of interest are the mantels and stair and the broad range of interior details typical of the Federal period. As a dated house in pristine and unrestored condition, this building serves as an excellent benchmark for identifying and dating similar buildings and details elsewhere in this region.

more careful comparison might identify sufficient specific matching details and craftsmanship to determine that the two houses were

Summary Of Title

1954 Gertrude E. Morgan to C.P. Merrick, Jr. (TSP 19, folio 51)

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1940 W. Royal Merrick to C.P. Merrick, Jr. et. al. for \$12000, 383 acres known as the "Thomas Farm." (ASG JR.3, folio 34)

1902 Anne K. Merrick to W. Royal Merrick. Deed of Partition, 383 acres. (JEG 4, folio 115)

1882 Joel Thomas to Charles H. R. Merrick, for \$10000, 383 acres. (SCD1, folio 194)

1858 James Merrick to Joel Thomas, for \$7666, 383 acres. (JP3, folio 505)

1851 Richard B. Carmichael, Trustee, to James Merrick, for \$3430, the real estate of the late Tristram Thomas, deceased, called "Tilghman's Chance Resurveyed."

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical [Data	
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11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Queen Anne's County Historical Society	date	February 20, 1981
street & number		telephone	
city or town	Centreville	state	Maryland 21617

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The early brick house on the Merrick Farm is one of the most perfectly preserved, unrestored Federal houses in Queen Anne's County. Constructed in 1805, the house bears striking similarities to Ripley (QA-55), a comparable house built in 1805 near Church Hill. Exterior similarities include the overall plan and form, the brickwork, the surviving evidence of the early entrance porches, and the dated bricks. Interior similarities include the chip carved mantels, pilastered architrave detail, and the use of double-struck nails. A more careful comparison might identify sufficient specific matching details and craftsmanship to determine that the two houses were constructed by the same builder(s).

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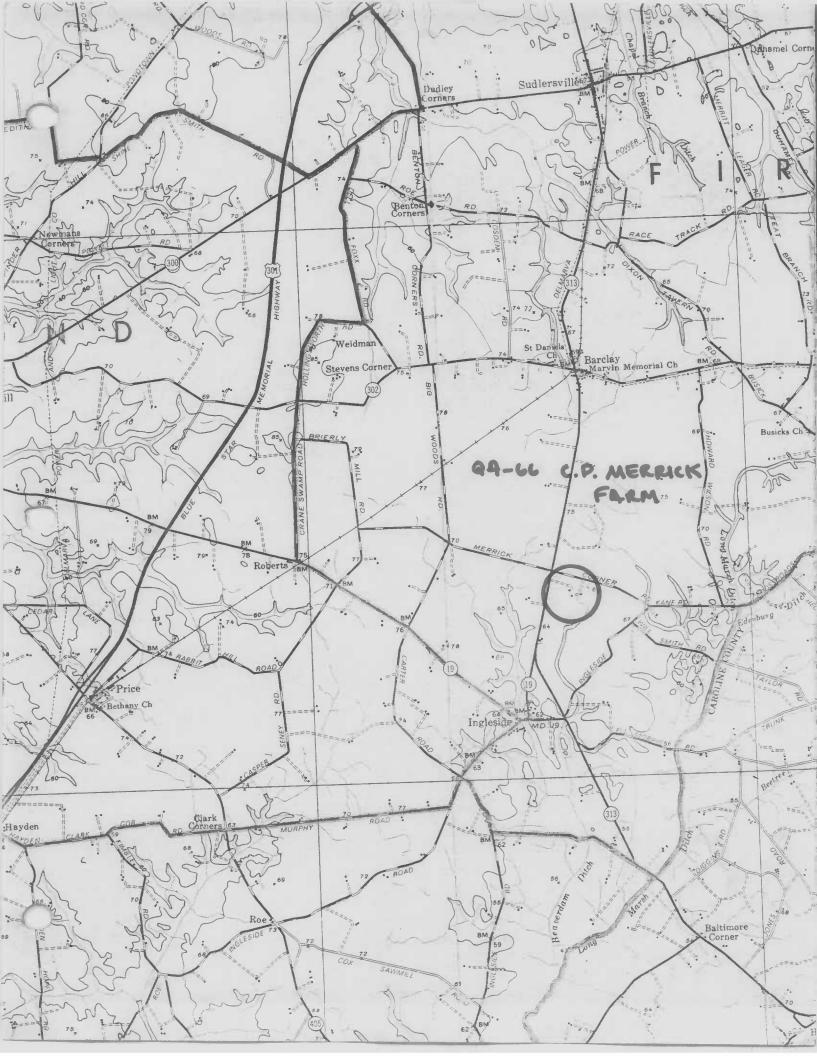
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Front facade



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View from northwest



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Rear facade



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